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ARTICLE OF  
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FRAMEWORK

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Responsive to the Interview Summary mailed July 27,  
2005, Applicants submit the following remarks:

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Examiner Interview

Applicants again thank Examiner Ma and Examiner Srivastava for participating in an Examiner Interview on July 12, 2005 with Applicants' representative Steven M. Freeland. Applicants' previously submitted Amendment, filed July 12, 2005, summarized the interview of July 12, 2005. The below is in response to the Interview Summary issued by Examiner Ma. The Examiner indicated that during the interview of July 12, 2005, it was unclear as to where or how the variables or functions are defined in the Exhibits accompanying the 1.131 declaration.

Applicants' representative attempted to demonstrate to Examiners Ma and Srivastava that at least the previously submitted Exhibit B provided clear support for at least independent claim 19, including, for example,

source code on page 1, at about line 45 and lines 58-59, demonstrate a reduction to practice of "determining a start time of a simultaneous of a simultaneous event"; the source code on page 2, at about lines 11-15 demonstrates at least the claimed "prior to the start time", and "receiving a request prior to the start time from a client apparatus to take part in the simultaneous event"; page 2, at about line 21 demonstrates "sending a command to the client apparatus"; and page 1, at about line 62 demonstrates "if the request is received during a predetermined threshold period" as claimed.

Therefore, Applicants' representative believed that the Declaration and Exhibits A and B submitted April 12, 2005 clearly demonstrated a reduction to practice and one skilled in the art would recognize that the claimed invention was reduced to practice as stated in the Declaration.

As requested by Examiners Ma and Srivastava, Applicants filed on July 12, 2005 an additional declaration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.131 accompanied by Exhibit A and new

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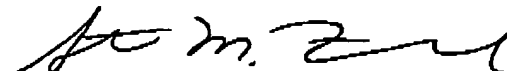
Exhibit B clearly establishing a reduction to practice of a method covered under at least claim 19 existed prior to June 15, 1999 and that it would work for its intended purpose. Further, the 131 declaration detailed the factual demonstration of reduction to practice referring to Exhibits A and B.

Therefore, as required under MPEP 715.07, it is submitted that a method that includes all of the limitations specified in at least claim 19 existed prior to June 15, 1999 and that the Applicants recognized that the method worked for its intended purpose prior to June 15, 1999.

Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that a rejection of claims 19-32 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) is overcome and that claims 19-32 are in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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